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In re Application of:

Keita Nishino et al. Examiner: Mark L. Berch

Serial No: 10/533,868 Group Art Unit: 1624

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 12, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows: